



**The Missouri Office of Prosecution Services,
&
Jefferson College**

present

**The Investigation and Prosecution of
Domestic Violence Cases**

September 7, 2022

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Free of charge to Prosecutors, Prosecution Support Staff, Law Enforcement, Victim Advocates, Children's Division, Probation and Parole, Juvenile Office, Adult Protective Services, Medical Professionals, Department of Mental Health, Victim Advocacy Center and Children's Advocacy Center Staff. Other Similar Allied Professionals must obtain prior approval for attendance from Conference Organizers.

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The Investigation & Prosecution of Domestic Violence Cases

This basic course includes the elemental dynamics of domestic violence and suggestions for conducting domestic violence investigations, as they relate to evidence based prosecution. The course further covers Missouri law as it applies to domestic violence cases, touching on current case law as it relates to evidence based prosecution and investigation, and offering ideas for aggressive & fair charging in domestic violence cases. The course aims at assisting prosecutors and law enforcement officers in responding to domestic violence calls and successfully prosecuting domestic violence cases.

The course is certified for 2 hours of POST Continuing Education Legal credits & 2 hours Interpersonal Credit by the Missouri Department of Public Safety POST program or 4 hours of CLE by the Missouri Bar.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS CLASS GO TO THE LINK LISTED BELOW

Space is limited, **please copy and paste the registration link into your browser** in order to reserve your spot before **September 2, 2022**:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=q5caeneab&oeidk=a07ejaycuvd1d5d7269>

If you have difficulty with the link, please go to our training page at prosecutors.mo.gov/training.

If you do not register in advance, we will not be able to provide course handouts and may not have space for you.

Please email catherine.vannier@prosecutors.mo.gov with questions or concerns. Email is often easier but if you need to call, my direct phone number is 573 644 2409.

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Agenda

HOUR 1: What are we concerned about?

Safety & Lethality Concerns, The Dynamics of Domestic Violence, and Why Do They Stay?

HOUR 2: Why should we care?

The requirements of Section 455.085, the burdens of the System and the generational impact of cyclical abuse.

HOUR 3: Evidence Based Prosecution

The components of evidence based prosecution & what a prosecutor needs in order to proceed without the victim's cooperation.

HOUR 4: Ideas for Documentation & Charging

Discussion of the proof and elements of the most frequently used charges, symptoms of strangulation, and suggestions for the most effective charging decisions.

About the Presenter

Catherine Vannier

Catherine Vannier is the Special Victims Resource Prosecutor for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS). Over more than 15 years, Catherine has developed and expanded the MOPS Special Victims' Program to assist and train thousands of justice professionals. Prior to coming to MOPS, Catherine had 11 years of experience prosecuting criminal cases full time.

Catherine serves as an appointed member of the Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force, as well as the Supreme Court's Commission on Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking and the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. Catherine also co-chairs the Supreme Court Commission's Lethality & Risk Assessment Subgroup and the Prevention Task Force's Multi-Disciplinary Team Best Practices Working Group. Catherine also leads the Missouri Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation Response Coordination Team. Catherine has served on a number of other groups, including the Department of Public Safety's Cyber Crimes Advisory Group, the State Child Fatality Review Panel, the Sexual Assault Response Working Group, the Department of Public Safety's STOP Implementation Group, the Missouri Victim's Assistance Network's Board of Directors and the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorney's Best Practices Initiative Special Victims' Subcommittee.